

Table 5 Bow and Spear Fishing

A hand-propelled spear may be used on the following waters. In addition, a bow, light, spring-propelled or rubber-propelled spear may be used as indicated. Size and possession limits are the same as for General Hook and Line Regulations – Table 2 (p. 8); inland non-trout waters are those inland waters except Designated Trout Lakes (*see FO-200) and Designated Trout Streams (see FO-210); For exceptions to these regulations, see Note 8 - Spearing Ban on Northern Pike and Muskellunge Lakes (p.10), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p.12), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 13), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p.14-18).

Season	Waters	Species
January-February	All waters (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes (*see above), and Streams (FO-200), and Note 8 waters (p.10). No muskellunge spearing on L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., and St.Clair R.	Northern Pike Muskellunge
	L. St. Clair (bow may be used)	Yellow perch
January-February	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters (through the ice): See Note 8 (p. 10)	Bowfin Lake herring Bullheads (cisco) Carp Smelt Catfish Suckers Drum Whitefish Gar
All year See Note 1	(bow and light may be used) Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.	
All year	Great Lakes	Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of Hwy. M-46	(bow and light may be used) All non-trout streams Trout streams listed in FO-219	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers
April 15 - May 31 Between M-46 and M-72		
May 1 - 31 North of Hwy. M-72		
All Year	Waters listed in FO-219 as open to the use of rubber-propelled or spring-propelled spears when used as noted in FO-219 list.	
May 1 - August 15	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters	Bowfin Carp Gar
Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Hubbard L. (Alcona Co.), Ottawa, Chicagon L. (Iron Co.)	Carp Lake herring (cisco) Suckers Whitefish
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Elk L., Torch L., Clam R. (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.); Crystal L. (Benzie Co.) All inland non-trout waters in lower peninsula counties wholly south of M-20 (including all of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Cos.)	

Note 1: In Little Bay De Noc, bowfin, carp, and gar may be speared only in January and February. In Lakes Superior, Huron, and Michigan, whitefish may not be speared during November.

Michigan-Indiana Bordering Lakes

Residents of either the state of Indiana or the state of Michigan, fishing in any of the waters listed below and who possess a valid fishing license for either state, shall be permitted to fish therein only in accordance with the laws and regulations of the state having jurisdiction over that portion of the waters in which fishing is done.

- Clear Lake** - Indiana, St. Jospheh County/**South Clear Lake** - Michigan, Berrien County
- Indian Lake** - Indiana, Elkhart County/Michigan, Cass County
- Fish Lake** - Indiana, La Grange County/Michigan, St. Joseph County
- Lake George** - Indiana, Steuben County/Michigan, Branch County
- Long Lake** - Indiana, Steuben County/Michigan, Hillsdale County